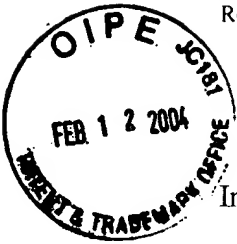


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Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows, and please consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following pages 15 and 16 of this paper.